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15. (Currently amended) A method of installing a cable through a structure, [said]

the method comprising:

providing a bushing having a body portion having threads thereon and a distal end and a proximal end with a substantially planar head portion integrally attached thereto, the head portion having a low profile and a substantially smooth exterior surface with at least two

cavities therein, the bushing further having a passageway extending through the body portion and the head portion;

providing a hole in the structure sized to receive the body portion of the bushing;

inserting the distal end of the bushing into the hole in the structure;

inserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing and applying an installation force to the engagement protrusions to cause the bushing to be screwed into the hole in the structure;

removing the engagement protrusions from the cavities after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure such that a rear surface of the head portion contacts the structure;

inserting a cable into the passageway; and

reinserting engagement protrusions into the cavities in the head portion of the bushing and applying an installation force to the engagement protrusions to cause the bushing to be tightened into the hole in the structure while the cable protrudes outward through the passageway.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising:

applying a covering to the structure prior to [said] the providing a hole in the structure;

and

applying the covering to the head portion of the bushing.

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16 wherein the covering is applied to the head portion of the bushing prior to [said] the inserting the engagement [portions] protrusions.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the covering is applied to the head portion after the bushing has been screwed into the hole in the structure.

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